realize that some will not agree with me. I want you all to understand that I am not pointing a finger at any one judge or group of judges, nor any chapter.

I would like to see the A.H.S. (not individual chapters) appoint at least one judge who has good and varied experience to work with me at the gold seal table. Needless to say the chapters should buy his lunch. This could be a different judge at each show since the same judge may not attend all of the shows. There should be a system of coding the entry tags so we could know which team judged the bloom. Perhaps using a different color marking pencil for each team. If a bloom comes to the gold seal table that we feel should not be there we could go back to the judging team with it for consultation. Perhaps they didn't know the bloom. Also we should be able to return to the judging team for consultation with a blue ribbon bloom we feel should be up-graded. The judges may convince us we "don't know from nuttin" when we go back to them.

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HIBISCUS "A" PLENTY

LOTS OF NEW NAMES

MANY GOOD OLDIES

GRAFTS OR OWN ROOT STOCK

OVER 500 STOCK PLANTS GROWING

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I think if this is accepted the judge team should still have the final say after being consulted. But I also feel that most judges will accept this method as a training aid and make changes where needed. The idea should improve the quality of gold seal bloom.

I have rambled on and on and intentionally ducked the "speed judging" issue. I know some don't like it. But since it was my idea a year ago, and some of us kicked the idea about for some time before trying it, perhaps I should comment on the subject.

First and foremost, if speed judging is not well organized and the necessary equipment on hand, and the clerks and runners well trained, it will fall flat on its face. From trying it in several shows we find that it works best where bloom are displayed on blocks. It takes co-operation from the exhibitors also. At one of the shows the exhibitors took most of the styrofoam to the sunshine so the bloom would open, leaving none for the clerks and runners.

Each table should have enough space for 5 people to work around. The clerks should have an empty tray or styrofoam sheet to start off with. As the judging continues the runners should see that each table always has empty trays or styrofoam on hand. When the judges are ready to commence a bloom should be lifted, using the holder, by the captain. A decision being made, the tag is marked and then handed to the clerks who record the award and place it on the tray for the runners to take to the display racks.

One of the complaints is that bloom are damaged in all this handling. Have you ever watched clerks trying to open tags and pin on ribbons over a crowded rack? There is much less chance of damage when one bloom is picked up at a time as outlined above.

Another complaint is that a judge will have to judge his own bloom. It frequently happened under

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